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President: Mr. Víctor A. BELAUNDE (Peru).

**AGENDA ITEM 5**

**Constitution of the Main Committees and election of officers**

1. The **PRESIDENT** (translated from Spanish): The Chairmen of the seven Main Committees have now been elected. The following persons will therefore be members of the General Committee:

- First Committee: Mr. Franz Matsch (Austria);
- Special Political Committee: Mr. Charles T. O. King (Liberia);
- Second Committee: Mr. Marcial Tamayo (Bolivia);
- Third Committee: Mrs. Georgette Ciselet (Belgium);
- Fourth Committee: Mr. Lambertus N. Palar (Indonesia);
- Fifth Committee: Mr. Jiří Nosek (Czechoslovakia);
- Sixth Committee: Mr. Alberto Herrarte (Guatemala).

**AGENDA ITEM 6**

**Election of Vice-Presidents**

2. The **PRESIDENT** (translated from Spanish): Rule 31 of the rules of procedure provides that the thirteen Vice-Presidents shall be elected after the election of the Chairmen of the seven Main Committees. It also lays down that the Vice-Presidents shall be elected on the basis of ensuring the representative character of the General Committee. All Members of the Assembly are eligible for election as Vice-Presidents with the exception of Members whose delegations are represented in the General Committee as a result of the elections already held.

3. In this election nominations are not permitted. The election will be by secret ballot.

4. In this connexion, I should point out that General Assembly resolution 1192 (XII) includes an annex which lays down the pattern of geographical distribution to be followed in the election of the Vice-Presidents. This decision is reflected in rule 31 of the rules of procedure. A model of the ballot paper which will be used

was published by the Secretariat in today's Journal in order to simplify the election.

5. I should, however, point out that, in view of the election of the President of the Assembly, the number of posts allocated to group C—the Latin-American countries—must be reduced from two to one. Representatives should therefore bear in mind that they may vote for only one candidate in the Latin-American group to serve as Vice-President of the Assembly.

6. Before the ballots are distributed I would also point out that if the number of candidates for any of the five groups is greater than the number prescribed, the vote on that group on the ballot paper will be considered invalid.

*At the invitation of the President, Mr. Auguste (Haiti) and Mr. Lapijan (Indonesia) acted as tellers.*

*A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

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| <i>Number of ballot papers:</i>  | 82 |
| <i>Invalid ballots:</i>          | 0  |
| <i>Number of valid ballots:</i>  | 82 |
| <i>Abstentions:</i>              | 0  |
| <i>Number of members voting:</i> | 82 |
| <i>Required majority:</i>        | 42 |
| <i>Number of votes obtained:</i> |    |

**Group A:**

|                       |    |
|-----------------------|----|
| Burma . . . . .       | 79 |
| Morocco . . . . .     | 79 |
| Philippines . . . . . | 78 |
| Turkey . . . . .      | 67 |
| Iraq . . . . .        | 9  |
| Afghanistan . . . . . | 2  |
| Japan . . . . .       | 2  |
| Tunisia . . . . .     | 1  |

**Group B:**

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|--------------------|----|
| Romania . . . . .  | 73 |
| Bulgaria . . . . . | 2  |

**Group C:**

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| Brazil . . . . .  | 73 |
| Uruguay . . . . . | 1  |

**Group D:**

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|---------------------------------|----|
| Sweden . . . . .                | 71 |
| Union of South Africa . . . . . | 60 |
| Belgium . . . . .               | 1  |
| Canada . . . . .                | 1  |
| Finland . . . . .               | 1  |
| Italy . . . . .                 | 1  |
| Netherlands . . . . .           | 1  |
| Norway . . . . .                | 1  |

## Group E:

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| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland . . . . . | 79 |
| United States of America . . . . .                             | 79 |
| France . . . . .   | 78 |
| Union of Soviet Socialist Republics . . . .                    | 76 |
| China . . . . .  | 61 |

*The representatives of the following countries, having obtained the required majority, were elected Vice-*

*Presidents: Brazil, Burma, China, France, Morocco, Philippines, Romania, Sweden, Turkey, Union of South Africa, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.*

7. The PRESIDENT (translated from Spanish): The General Committee for the present session has now been constituted.

*The meeting rose at 6.5 p.m.*